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Clifton Cislak, Clerk of Court
U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
333 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: *Widakuswara v. Lake* (and consolidated cases), Nos. 25-5144, 25-5145, 25-5150, 25-5151 (D.C. Cir.)

Dear Mr. Cislak:

As referenced in our emergency motion to stay, one aspect of the district court's order requires the U.S. Agency for Global Media to release approximately \$15 million in taxpayer funds. We have been informed that, in the absence of a stay, the government expects to take irrevocable steps to release funds as soon as tomorrow morning, May 2, 2025. *See also* Add. 52-53 (estimating that a stay would be needed by May 2, 2025). We therefore respectfully request that the Court grant relief, in the form of an administrative stay or a full stay, today.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel Tenny
Daniel Tenny

cc: Counsel of Record (via CM/ECF)